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PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY.

OREGON CITY, MAR. 23, 1900.

You can't vote if you don't register. Remember this.

If the sultan of Sulu should visit his great and good friend, the president, would he bring his harem?

If you wish to vote at the June election, you should register as soon as possible. The time for registration expires May 15.

FLYING FOX, a thoroughbred racer, was sold in London for \$196,875 to Mons. E. Blanc, a French millionaire. Six years ago his sire, Ormonds, brought \$150,000.

POVERTY is a blessed heritage.—Andrew Carnegie.

Don't pity the rich; they, too, have their pleasures.—The Smart Set.

JONATHAN BOURSE, the most potent spirit of the "hold-up" legislature, handled fellows like U'Ren just as a shepherd dog handles a scared sheep.—Evening Telegram.

THIRTY EIGHT pauper babies in the public morgue in New York city is the crop of one day for the potter's field. And this is civilization! Only 38 little dead paupers.

The office-holding streak of insanity seems to afflict the biggest portion of man-kind. Well, it may be as well that as some other hobby, for every one of us is a little loony.

It would be a good plan for justices and notaries who are registering voters to be on hand Saturday, March 31st, when the united reformers hold their primaries. It is of interest to them.

MAY Mr. U'Ren successfully wobble on his initiative-referendum hobby-horse into the Joe Simon camp. Vale, Bro. U'Ren.

Birds of a feather, Should flock together.

An appendicitis club has been formed in Cleveland, Ohio. To become a member of this unique organization, one must have had the misfortune to be operated upon for appendicitis. "Misery loves company."

The labor cost of a pair of machine-made socks is the merest trifle. Eight knitting machines, tended by one boy, turn out in 24 hours 1200 socks. One boy, with his machines, accomplishes as much as a regiment of knitting women!

It is the opinion of Mr. Gorman, the long-headed Maryland politician, that "the passage of the gold standard bill will help Bryan in this year's campaign, since the new law will prevent him, if elected, from going into currency experiments."

The man who has been loved, no matter how little, by a woman, from the moment when this love has neither calculation nor self interest as a basis, is under eternal obligations to that woman, and whatever he may do for her, he will never do as much as she has done for him.—Alexander Dumas.

While the British cabinet and the British members of our administration have been attempting to fasten the Hay-Pauncefote treaty on the American people, which would bind us not to fortify the Nicaragua canal. Great Britain has been busy building an impregnable fortress commanding the Straits of Juan del Fuca, which, in time of war, would practically make of Puget Sound an English inland sea, and place the entire Sound country at the mercy of perfidious Albion.

If President McKinley would ape the British by pressing an income tax bill through congress and bulldozing the supreme court into declaring it constitutional, he would thereby make more votes than any \$25,000,000 of boodle can buy. But that sort of thing would be too costly for Boss Hanna, and there is no use of talking about it.

THE Hell of the English is the infinite terror of Not getting on, especially of Not making money.—Thomas Carlyle. Another writer of books asserts that "poverty is hell." It appears, then, that both greed and poverty are hell. How will a mortal keep out of the one or the other? Is there no fence to sit on from which to contemplate both pits?

ACCORDING to the Iron Age, 358 manufacturers of iron and steel have united in 28 combinations, having in the aggregate \$998,300,000 of authorized capital. The profits of one of them, the American Steel and Wire Company, were in 11 months \$12,000,000. Another, the Carnegie Steel Company (great are the blessings of poverty), made last year \$21,000,000, and this year intends to clean up \$40,000,000.

THE bishops of the Methodist church say in an appeal to the churches: "The decline in our membership is not an accident. It comes from a sufficient cause. The cause is the slipping cog in our experience, our lack of spiritual power. The gulf between capital and labor threatens us both sides. On one side, 'not many mighty, not many noble, are called.' On the other, strange forces are alienating the poor. The labor unions, organized most capably, are much influenced by men hostile to the church. Their gatherings are generally on the Sabbath, thus keeping the men out of our reach. We seem in some places above our business."

A BILL has been prepared in Colorado to place the granting of marriage licenses in the state in the hands of a board of county medical examiners, to consist of three physicians, no two of the same school, and where possible the board is to have one or more female members. Licenses are to be granted to men not less than 25 and women not less than 22 years. To secure licenses, men and women must be free from certain diseases, and there must be no blood relation between the contracting parties. If the bill becomes a law, the man with the scrofula and the maid with the cough will go across the state line to get married. Cupid isn't balked by such a flimsy obstacle.

It seems from reports that a tempest in a teapot was raised while the proprietor of this paper was away from the state because certain politicians could not run the Courier-Herald according to their liking. We want to state right here that this paper will not be run or dictated to by any one, and we are judge of what shall or shall not appear in its columns, and, while we aim to be fair and give all sides and all parties a hearing, we are not to be bullied. Nor do we wish to persecute any one because he is against reforms advocated by the true American citizens or for the alleged reforms of a party that is after votes and cares nothing for the common people. We are sorry for him, that's all.

THOS. B. REED, the erstwhile autocratic speaker of the house, understands the significance of the signs of the times. In an article published in the N. Y. Evening Post he says: "Where the selfishness of a few is entrested with unlimited power and buttressed up by all the power of the state formally enlisted in its behalf, it has never been able to resist successfully the selfishness of all. In other words, the selfishness of the few is always met with and mastered by that greater power, the selfishness of all. The struggle may be long and may seem doubtful, but is never so in the result. All history is full of examples. For hundreds of years the unprivileged seemed in France to be struggling hopelessly against the privileged, and the story was the most melancholy in the history of the world; but the final result was liberty and equality. Nowadays there can be no such prolongation of the fight."

The reason why Europe is against Britain is well stated in a late issue of the London Speaker: "Foreign powers are hostile, not because we are shielding but because we are attacking a small nationality. They are convinced that the present war is a repetition of the Jameson raid by the British government. They regard English politics as dominated by the international financier. They believe that with the death of Mr. Gladstone the light of the generous idealism which they once recognized in English life has gone out. And it is Mr. Chamberlain whom we have to thank for the black looks of Europe. The powers are restless and uneasy. There is scarcely a nation which is not now smarting under one of his vulgar insults. There is certainly not a statesman who would accept his word of honor. He is everywhere believed to have lent his sanction to the most flagrant outrage on public law in modern times—the invasion of a friendly state in the times of profound peace."



WHITELAW REID, of the N. Y. Tribune, said in a private letter to the London Daily News: "I give you hearty congratulations on the changed aspect of the war. It is an immense relief to us all as well as to you." Reid, who is a snob, reflects the opinion of Wall street and the big-wigs generally of the republican party.

"THE surrender of General Cronje to the British and the relief of Ladysmith have been favorable influences to Wall street," says Henry Clews, the New York banker, in a late bulletin. This explains why President McKinley is pro-British. He is owned by the American money lords, who are partners of the British money lords.

THE CITY PRINTING.  
The Enterprise says the city is saving money by having it do the printing after its contract has expired without advertising for new bids. Suppose the county should do the same. What would poor Porter say then? If the proprietor of the Courier-Herald can afford to do the county printing for half to three-fourths of former prices and can give a better paper to nearly twice the number of readers the Enterprise does, and can make enough to take a trip to New Orleans, or to Halifax, for that matter, it isn't because Porter wants us to. If the senator from Marion could have secured the printing contract at a "reasonable figure," he could, with his Salem graft, have gone to Paris, India or South Africa, besides building a mansion. It's too bad that he didn't get it. We feel sorry for Brother Porter. Three papers have gone out of existence in this county in less than two years, but there is no danger of Porter's organ going as long as he has a senatorial graft to constantly work. Here is a sample of how he saves the city money: In February, 1899, the Press was paid \$1.37 for publishing the water commissioners' report, and in February, 1900, the Enterprise was paid \$17.50, nearly four times as much. And the Enterprise has not four times the circulation of the defunct Press, either, although Mr. Koerner says a paper with a circulation of 10 is just as good as one with a circulation of 1000, as it doesn't seem to make any difference to him or Brother Porter whether the people know what is going on in public offices or not.

IMPERIALISM, DR., \$509,000,000.

United States in account with war of expansion:	
To	Dr.
War with Spain	\$259,341,299
War with Filipinos (1899)	64,617,267
War with Filipinos (1900)	100,885,934
Total	\$424,844,500
Probable cost army (1900)	125,000,000
Grand total	\$549,844,500
Annual increase army and navy expenses	100,000,000
Or.	
Total value Philippine trade	75,000,000
Total value China trade	50,000,000
Total value Porto Rico and Cuba trade	150,000,000
Grand total Colonial and Asiatic trade	275,000,000
American command Philippine trade	70,000,000
American command China trade	50,000,000
American command Colonial trade	150,000,000
Total value American trade	270,000,000
Net profit to traders at 15 per cent	\$40,500,000
Balance to imperialism	\$509,344,500

N. Y. World.

VOTERS, BEWARE!

In sundry precincts of Clackamas county, both democrats and populists have promised either the Brownell faction, or anti-Brownell faction of the republican party to take part in electing delegates to the republican county convention. This would be a harmless political diversion on their part, if by engaging in it they did not tie their own hands. The democrats and populists who have made these promises to the republicans forget that if they vote at the republican primary, they are by that act stepped from voting at their own primary. Voting often at primaries the law will no longer permit. In order that each precinct be fully represented at the union county convention, all the voters should attend the primaries, and that with their hands untied. Let the republican factions run their own business to suit themselves. Brownell is a Joe-Simon republican and we should let him swim or sink with his own crowd.

THE BANKERS' HOLD-UP.

The re-arrangement of the money of the country with which the trust-ridden administration will inflict us, gives the secretary of the treasury authority to refund any of the outstanding bonds of the United States into thirty-year 2-per cent bonds by exchanging bonds at their par values, and paying the holders of the outstanding bonds a bonus for their surrender, calculated on a basis of 2 1/4 per cent. This new gold empowers the secretary to pay a bonus, calculated at \$88,000,000, for the privilege of paying in the next thirty years \$240,000,000 more in interest than would be paid if the outstanding bonds were redeemed at maturity.

The figures of the outstanding bonds of the United States, with their rate of interest and time of maturity, are as follows:

Mature	
\$25,364,500 (2s)	Option U.S.
95,009,700 (5s)	Feb. 1, 1904
545,345,350 (4s)	July 1, 1907
198,791,440 (3s)	After August 1, 1908
102,315,400 (4s)	Feb. 1, 1925
36,400 ref. certs (4s)	
\$1,026,863,050	

It will be seen that over \$850,000,000 of these bonds mature within the next nine years, and as they mature they can be paid off at par without the necessity of giving any bonus.

Do the people discern in what devious ways the money of the country is being concentrated in the hands of the few who have already more than their share?

WHEAT ANALYSIS.

A chemical analysis made by the Childlow Institute of Milling and Baking Technology, of Chicago, of flour and wheat of the crop of Willamette valley of '99, gives the following results, the "Minneapolis Spring Patent" flour being taken as the standard:

	Standard	Oregon
Loaves, per bbl.	100	95.7
Loaf volume	100	81.7
Quality	100	108.0
Color	100	95.7
Average value	100	95.2
Fermenting period	100	45.8
Wet Gluten	37.5	18.5
Absorption	63	56.0

These figures are well worth the study of every housekeeper. One hundred pounds of Minneapolis flour and 63 pounds of water produce 163 pounds of

UNITED STATES ENTRAPPED.

In an article published in the Atlantic Monthly for March, Ex-Secretary of State Olney discusses the "entangling alliance" with Great Britain in which the United States are caught. Mr. Olney is recognized as one of the ablest lawyers in the country, and he is not a republican. He says it is a well known fact that the United States hold the Philippines upon the suzerainty of England, and it is this which, in his opinion, is the entangling alliance.

It is known that during the time our peace commissioners were in Paris a consolidation was effected between the American-China Development Company and the British syndicate holding contiguous concessions, to build railways in one of the most populous sections of China, the great valley of the Yang-tse-Kiang river, forming a joint combination known as the Anglo-American China Development Company. It is also known that the American syndicate comprises the greatest financial magnates of this continent, men of vast wealth who control several trunk lines of railroad and many of the great industries of this country, which gives them great political power. It is known that this gigantic combination had its agents in Paris when the Peace Commission was there and that its influences were potent in Washington. It is believed upon good grounds that this Anglo-American syndicate was the influence that prevailed in consummating the purchase of the Philippine islands by the United States, and that it is the wealth of this powerful aggregation of capitalists that vitalizes the imperialist movement in this country.

If the plans of this international syndicate are successfully carried out, and the war powers of England and the United States jointly can be used to bluff the powers of Europe and bully the Chinese government so that they can carry out their scheme of exploitation, several hundred millions in profits will accrue to the syndicate. Therefore, they will hold their grip upon the republican party and force that party to commit suicide in its attempt to force an imperialist policy upon the American people.

It is known, also, that Russia has been gradually obtaining control of the great tea warehouses in the valley of the Yang tee-Kiang, and in other ways gaining commercial control in that region. Through her intrigues, England has thus succeeded in making the business interests of the United States inimical to those of Russia.

The smallpox scare at Eagle Creek does not appear to amount to much. At least it appeared in a very mild form. Reports say that on the second visit of the doctor to a patient there the patient was out fishing. Two or three days' sickness seems to be the worst effect. Chicken pox would be a more appropriate name.

ROAD PROBLEM.

The writer attended a road meeting at Eagle Creek on Tuesday and the interest manifested in a good road to the hatchery bridge was not as great as it should have been. The citizens of Logan raised over \$2800 in a few days toward building a permanent road to the same bridge on their side of the river, the citizens of Oregon City having agreed to build the road from place mentioned to Oregon City, and it is for their own interest to have a good winter road to market, when produce is unusually high and the farmer cannot get to town. The idea was that if the citizens of Eagle Creek would raise \$2000, the county would put in as much more as it has done in a number of other cases. The five-mill tax levy of Clackamas county will never build permanent roads and the citizens will have to help build the road, and if they do, it will enhance the value of their property much more than the expense for roads. One case was cited at the meeting mentioned where, if a farmer had been able to get to market some time since, he could have sold his 200 sacks of potatoes for 90 cents, when now they are worth but 45 cents, a clear loss of \$90 to one man. He could well afford to give half the amount toward a good road and still be gainer. It is to be hoped the citizens of that fertile section of this county, will see this matter in the right light. Efforts are being made to get a commission house established in Oregon City so the farmer will not glut the market here with four sacks of potatoes.

Reflect and Consider the Danger.

AS the time is gradually approaching once more when we are to exercise our duties as citizens of this commonwealth, it is perhaps well that we pause in the excitement of personality for a few moments and encourage our thoughts to engage in conscientious reflection. Individual opinion, when flamed into passion, is destructive in its very nature; but when guided by reason and judgment, it is the redeemer of mankind. No doubt, "These are times that try men's souls." On every hand, and in every sphere of human activity, an unnatural condition prevails. We have men who revel in wealth and live in luxurious idleness; we have men who struggle in poverty for an existence and whose cup of bitterness is nearly full. Is this equality?

Our men of wealth are building fortified mansions and uniting their powers. Not satisfied in the thought of having enslaved their fellow citizens, they have gone "outside the constitution" in search of more to conquer. Not being of a fighting disposition, they have, in a spirit of patriotism (?), collected thousands of our laboring men and citizens and transformed them into warriors. They have been sent into distant climes amid the cheers of their countrymen; they are returning at the rate of 250 a month to fill the insane asylums of our land! How rapid, yet how quiet, the change! Thousands of intelligent American citizens, being changed into hopeless idiots! How long, oh, how long will it continue? Until the transformation is complete?

Do our men of wealth feel more secure under the changed conditions? And we, from whose midst these boys are taken, how long shall we stand idle and indifferent? Our country in peril? Who can deny it? Yet we have those amongst us who are working devotedly for the servants of these men. The time has come, in my humble opinion, when we ought to lay our little differences aside, temporarily, at least, and unite as American citizens in this critical period of our national existence and drive out of the councils of our nation those who are laboring to bring about its fall.

Respectfully,  
ROBERT GINTHER.

Plea for Public Ownership.

THERE is a great of speculation at the present time as to whether Mr. Bryan can receive populist support in the approaching presidential election. Democratic leaders should bear one thing in mind, and that is if they expect to secure the populist vote generally, they must put forth a good platform. Much as they, the populists admire Mr. Bryan's superb personality they will not accept him as any part of what they consider the necessary platform declarations, and there is one plank which is regarded, not only by populists, but socialists as well, and that is the demand for public ownership of public utilities. It occurs to me that the democratic party can well afford to insert that kind of plank in its platform, especially when we consider that the New York Journal has been carrying this demand at the head of its columns for months. The democratic masses will support this demand to a man, and the ignoring of the same by the party at this time would be regarded as yielding to corporate influences and would certainly lead to Mr. Bryan's defeat at the polls.

T. B. HANKINS.

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